

In this age of global communications and global terrorism and corrupt businesses, we need MORE communications outlets, NOT less. People WANT and NEED a voice. There is also need for checks and balances against self-serving people and companies.

It is appalling that the media giants buy up radio and TV stations and newspapers and consolidate them, eliminating local staff AND local news. This is moving us back to the dark ages! How do you think all this corruption and deceit happens? When there is no watch dog.

I also do not think that journalists are holding leaders accountable. They are not reporting on the right things, to keep the populace aware so we can demand accountability. We do not want sensationalism and voyeurism... We want family values and innovations that will inspire and help us build better communities. We want dependable alert service in wake of terror.

Writers also DESERVE outlets for their work. Consolidation and formulaic stories, reporting, and news DOES NOT WORK.

Consolidation of media outlets DENIES OUR FREEDOM of SPEECH.

I also found Secretary Powell's insulated, myopic, and dictatorial attitude to be appalling. In fact, I think he should step down or be removed. Americans cannot entrust our most important civic freedom and civic duty to a man who wants to operate behind closed doors and NOT allow public debate and outcry.